



# Town of Thetford Vermont

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## Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes Thetford Town Offices (w/Virtual Attendance Option) Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 7:00 PM

Selectboard members present: Sharon Harkay (chair), Li Shen (vice-chair), Mary Bryant, David Goodrich, Steve Tofel

Others present: Geoff Martin, Eric Laffayette

Participating community members: Gregg Kasten, John Freeman, Rebecca LaFave

Sharon Harkay called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### 1. Agenda Review

No changes to agenda.

### 2. Town Manager Report

#### 1. Various Topics

Route 132: the Route 132 project has been completed and was \$113,000 under budget.

Latham Road: the Latham Road project is underway. With the savings from Route 132 and the bond, Bryan expects to have \$200,000.00 to put towards the project.

AT&T Cell Tower: the antennas are up with room for other carriers to install their equipment. The expectation is that it will be operational in 30 to 90 days.

Post Mills Properties: John Freeman spoke about his purchase of the old “Hatch’s” building on Route 113 in Post Mills, and the cost of demolition. Because it was a lot more than anticipated, they have started a Go Fund Me which has raised \$8000.00. They anticipate using this money to landscape the property once the building has come down.

Union Village Covered Bridge: an insurance claim has been submitted for damage done to the bridge. Bryan is working with Chief Scruggs to determine who caused the damage.

Timothy Frost Building: Bryan and several Selectboard members met with a person from the Preservation Trust who said there were funding options that could be available, depending on the usage of the building.

Gender Pay Inequities: Bryan worked with Frank Sadowski, and they are not seeing gender pay inequities at this point.

Delinquent Taxes: Bryan has entered into 3 payment agreements but there are 18 property owners with delinquent taxes. Letters were sent in July and August.

Treasure Island: Treasure Island is currently open for “at your own risk” use. The docks have been pulled in and the facilities are cleaned up. They exceeded their expected revenue but there were some overages.

Other: DPW foreman Dale Lewis and Bryan have been discussing the possibility of a town garage and transfer station at the current town garage location with an architect.

DPW crew member Bryan Sawyer will be leaving Thetford for work in Pomfret.

Bryan wanted to acknowledge and thank Transfer Station Coordinator Suzanne Simon for reaching out to the public in search of volunteers as they are currently understaffed. Seven to eight people have offered help.



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### 3. Public Comment

No public comment.

### 4. HVAC Upgrade Discussion with EEI and the Energy Committee

**Motion** by Sharon Harkay to approve the Energy Improvement Budget Proposal between Energy Efficient Investments, INC. and the Town, and to authorize Bryan Gazda to sign any documentation. VOTE by Roll Call: Steve Tofel – in favor, Mary Bryant – in favor, Sharon Harkay – in favor, Li Shen – in favor, David Goodrich – opposed. **Motion passed (4-1-0).**

### 5. Update on Thetford Elementary School Solar Array

**Motion** by Steve Tofel to approve the Thetford Elementary School Solar Array Expansion Resolution. VOTE by Roll Call: Steve Tofel – in favor, Mary Bryant – in favor, Sharon Harkay – in favor, Li Shen – in favor, David Goodrich – in favor. **Motion passed (5-0-0).**

### 6. Window Dresser Inserts

**Motion** by Sharon Harkay for Window Dressers to install window inserts in Town Hall. VOTE by Roll Call: Mary Bryant – in favor, Steve Tofel – in favor, David Goodrich – in favor, Li Shen – in favor, Sharon Harkay – in favor. **Motion passed (5-0-0).**

### 7. New Facilities Policy and the Thetford Hill Green, Including the Existing Agreement

No action taken. The Town Manager will make additional changes and the Selectboard will review at an upcoming meeting.

### 8. Update on Academy Road Speed Limit with Chief Scruggs

Town Manager Bryan Gazda will meet with Police Chief Michael Scruggs to discuss what needs to happen to change the Traffic Ordinance dated 2020.

### 9. Discussion of Potential Stewardship Plan for Treasure Island

The Selectboard reviewed the proposal from Lisa Niccolai and had several concerns. Sharon will be attending the next Treasure Island Exploratory Committee meeting and will bring those concerns to the committee. The Selectboard will address this proposal at an upcoming meeting.

### ~~10. DRAFT ARPA Funds Survey~~

### 11. Errors and Omissions Certificates from the Lister Office

**Motion** by Mary Bryant to accept the Errors and Omissions Certificates as presented by the Lister Office. VOTE: All in favor. **Motion passed (5-0-0).**

### 12. Voting Delegate for VLCT Town Fair

Bryan said he was not sure if he was going to attend the Town Fair yet. Steve Tofel considered it but was also not sure he was going to attend. Tracy Borst is attending but is not interested in



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being the delegate. In the end, the Selectboard asked Bryan to work with Tracy on who would be the delegate.

### 13. Liquor Control Board

**Motion** by Li Shen to suspend the Selectboard meeting and convene a meeting of the Liquor Control Board at 10:00. VOTE: All in favor **(5-0-0)**. **Motion** by Li Shen to approve the TNT Liquor License. VOTE by Roll Call: Mary Bryant – in favor, Steve Tofel – in favor, Li Shen – in favor, David Goodrich – in favor, Sharon Harkay – abstain. **Motion passed (4-0-1)**.

**Motion** by Sharon Harkay to adjourn the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the Selectboard meeting at 10:07 PM. VOTE unanimous **(5-0-0)**.

### 14. Warrants and Minutes

32.1	\$18035.16
33.1	\$27698.51
34.1	\$119438.79
35.1	\$9359.76
36.1	\$5420.21
15.2	\$13502.94
16.2	\$8282.04
28.3	\$20160.32
29.3	\$89899.43
30.3	\$4340.64
16.4	\$26995.51
17.4	\$25144.41
18.4	\$23488.36

**Motion** by Steve Tofel to accept the warrants are presented. VOTE unanimous. **Motion passed (5-0-0)**.

### 15. Adjourn

**Motion** by Steve Tofel to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 PM. VOTE unanimous. **Motion passed (5-0-0)**.